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25X1 4. [ ] Called Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk of the Senate, and made arrangements for us to meet with him tomorrow morning to discuss his recent travel to Nepal and Pakistan.

25X1 5. [ ] Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called and asked if the Agency's budget had been cut by the Bureau of the Budget. I made arrangements for Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, to talk to Woodruff directly about this. 25X1

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Pell went out of his way to compliment the Director and the Agency for the good press we are getting on the Hill, particularly among the previously skeptical liberals. In response to my question, Pell said he thought Chairman Fulbright was sending Committee staff officers Lowenstein and Moose for an on-the-spot look at the Vietnam situation because he distrusted information being received through Administration channels.

Pell asked me about the [ ] situation and I said I was somewhat out of touch but in response to his specific questions I said I thought there was some substance to allegations of torture and abuse of political prisoners, that there was apparently general apathy and some latent opposition to the present regime, but the Colonels were dug in and I was aware of no forces external or internal, likely to unseat them in the near future. 25X1

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